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SUBJECT: RWANDAN POSITION ON ZIONISM/RACISM ISSUE

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WE DISCUSSED "ZIONISM AS RACISM" ISSUE WITH FOREIGN
MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS
NYILINKINDI JULY 19, DRAWING ON TALKING POINTS
REFTEL A. NYILINKINDI, WHO HAS LONG EXPERIENCE IN
MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS, MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS IN
RESPONSE:

--ZIONISM/RACISM ISSUE WOULD CERTAINLY NOT BE
FORMAL PART OF OAU SUMMIT, ALTHOUGH REMARKS
MIGHT BE MADE IN COURSE OF SPEECHES AND DISCUSSIONS
(PRESUMABLY BY PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA, AMONG OTHERS).

--RWANDA, LIKE MOST OTHER NON-ALIGNED AFRICAN
COUNTRIES, WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE SUBJECT ON AGENDA
AT WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM IN GENEVA NEXT
MONTH. ISSUE DETRACTS FROM AFRICAN WISH TO CONCEN-
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TRATE ON LIBERATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA BEFORE THE
END OF THE UN'S DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM. THUS
RWANDA HOPES ARAB DELEGATES WILL NOT INSIST ON PLACING
ISSUE ON GENEVA CONFERENCE AGENDA.

--BUT IF ISSUE IS NONETHELESS PLACED ON AGENDA,
RWANDA WILL NOT OPPOSE FORMULATION THAT ZIONISM IS

FORM OF RADISM. ACCORDING TO NYILINKINDI, GOR
WOULD RECONSIDER ONLY IF ISRAEL SHOULD MAKE MEANINGFUL
CONCESSIONS IN EFFORT TO ADVANCE NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD
PEACEFUL SOLUTION.
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